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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Josh Bleill.

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Whereas, Josh Bleill's life changed forever on October 15, 2006, when an improvised explosive device struck his Humvee during a patrol in Fallujah, Iraq;

Whereas, Two Marines were killed in the explosion, and Lance Corporal Bleill suffered a broken jaw, a crushed hip, and multiple broken bones;

Whereas, Lance Corporal Bleill also lost both of his legs;

Whereas, Josh Bleill recovered from his injuries in a hospital room in the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland;

Whereas, Bleill, a Greenfield native who played lacrosse at Purdue University and enjoyed water skiing while growing up, was facing the biggest challenge of his life — learning to live with artificial legs;

Whereas, Through dedication, hard work, and a strong belief in God, Josh overcame his injuries;

Whereas, Josh Bleill moved back home to Indiana in August, 2008 and was married to his wife Nikki in 2009;

Whereas, Josh joined the Indianapolis Colts as the team's community spokesperson;

Whereas, Josh Bleill has written a book entitled "One Step



at a Time: A Young Marine's Story of Courage, Hope and a New Life in the NFL" in an effort to reach out to others who must recover from traumatic injury and to help them realize they can make a difference in the world and that their injuries do not mean their lives are over;

Whereas, Always a Marine, Josh believes that he is beginning a new mission and that his faith in God will help him accomplish this mission as well; and

Whereas, Josh Bleill's faith was truly tested by his severe injuries, but he recovered both physically and mentally and has become a stronger, more dedicated person because of his experiences: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors Josh Bleill
- 2 for the sacrifices he made in defense of his country and for his courage
- 3 and his dedication to recovering from his injuries. Josh has been able
- 4 to see the good in what happened to him and to move forward. He has
- 5 dedicated his life to helping others.
- 6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 7 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Josh Bleill and his
- 8 family.

